

REMARKS

By this amendment the drawings and claims 18 and 24 have been amended. Accordingly claims 1-30 are active, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner objected to the drawings and indicated that Figure 7 should be corrected because reference character "410 on Figure 7" has been used to designate both the latch and latch output. The applicants have amended Figure 7 and enclosed a "Replacement Sheet" to indicate that 410 is only the latch.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objected to claims 18 and 24 because "said bit line recharge circuit" should be changed to -- said bitline precharge circuit --. Claims 18 and 24 have been corrected by this amendment. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 18 and 24 be removed.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

It is greatly appreciated that the Examiner indicated claims 1-30 are allowable over the prior art of record and the prosecution on the merits closed in accordance with the Practice under Ex Parte Quayle, 1935 C.D.11, 453 O.G.213.

As indicated above, the applicant has amended the drawings and claims to overcome all the formal matters requested by the Examiner concerning the subject application.

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IN THE DRAWING

Figure 7 has been corrected and a Replacement Sheet is included in this response.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and that the application should be passed to issuance.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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